

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. In the September 13, 2004 office action, the Examiner:

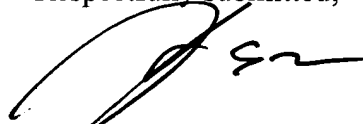
1. Required the Applicant to elect prosecution of a single claimed invention, whereby claims 1-18 formed Invention A and claims 19-20 formed Invention B.

In this response, Applicants have elected Invention A.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-18, which constitute Invention A, are allowable over the prior art. Favorable consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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